

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

March 2019

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

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Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Rachel J. Johns, Pastor

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Mike Burkhardt, Organist

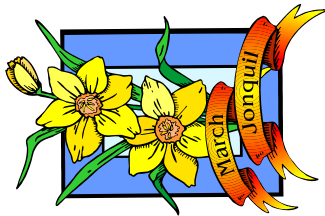
Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
321 Rocky Grove Avenue
Franklin, PA 16323



FROM THE SESSION

ACTIONS OF SESSION – February 11, 2019:

1. Approved the Session minutes for January, 2019.
2. Approved the financial reports for January, 2019.
3. Approved the Annual Report of 2018 to be sent to General Assembly.
4. Approved the Annual Report to be given to the congregation at the next meeting.
5. Approved giving Beth West of Grace Learning Center a key to the kitchen doors.

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION  
FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

The Special Meeting of the Congregation was held at the Church on February 24, 2019. This meeting was called according to the requirements, and a quorum of members was present. The meeting was opened in prayer by the Reverend Ms. Rachel Johns at 9:15 a.m.

Joyce Wetjen moved and Doris Feather seconded the approval of the Congregation and Corporation minutes of November 18, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Elissa Stuttler was elected as Elder on motion by Joyce Wetjen and second by Diane Whitman. The motion carried with one abstention from the candidate.

The 2018 Annual Report was distributed to members prior to the beginning of morning worship. The floor was opened for comments or questions. There being none, the congregation unanimously received the report on motion by Diane Whitman and second by Lois Pierce.

The meeting was closed in prayer by the Reverend Ms. Rachel Johns at 9:19 a.m.



***MARCH Birthdays***

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Lorraine McCauley | 23 Bowen Ray Hill (3)  |
| 4 Aaron Wetjen (13) | 27 Easton McIntosh (4) |
| 6 Kevin Songer      | 27 Eleanore Moffitt    |
| 10 Rodney Zeller    | 30 John Dumbleton      |



***Servants for MARCH***

**Hospital Visitor(s):**

- Greeter(s):**
- 3 Dorie Feather
  - 10 Phyllis Vogan
  - 17 Betty Cornmesser & Lois Pierce
  - 24 John & Mary Jo Dumbleton
  - 31 Brad & Joyce Wetjen

**Worship Leader:**

- 3 Lois Pierce
- 10 Rhonda Rust
- 17 Diane Whitman
- 24 Lois Pierce
- 31 Rhonda Rust

**Recorders:**

- 3 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller
- 10 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
- 17 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller
- 24 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
- 31 Joyce Wetjen & Diane Whitman

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Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month or risk being omitted from next month's issue.



If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact Judy Ream (673-6492). You will want to advise Judy as to whether you will order your own flowers, how you want it listed in the bulletin and if you will be removing them after the service.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

**Youthful Spirits**

Men and women will again gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of the month – **March 6<sup>th</sup>** – at Dawndi’s, 136 Warren Road. Make your reservation with Rhonda Rust at 437-2831 by March 4, 2019. All are welcome!!

**Women’s Prayer Breakfast**

The Women’s Prayer Breakfast will meet **March 9<sup>th</sup>**. Consider joining the small group of women of RGAPC when they meet at Linda Lou’s Restaurant, 1572 Mercer Road, at 8:30 a.m. Devotions are followed by good food and fellowship.

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SAVE THE DATE: Community Services of Venango County will offer the 8th annual **Empty Bowls** event at **Wanango Country Club** on **April 8, 2019**, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Guests enjoy a meal of soup and bread prepared and served by many local chefs. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15 or at the door for \$20. Children 5 & under are free. Benefits Community Services Food Pantries. See poster on bulletin board for additional information.

MISSIONS CORNER:



A total of \$187.00 was collected on Sunday, February 3rd, for Souper Bowl of Caring; the proceeds were sent to Community Services of Venango County to help fund the Rocky Grove Food Pantry.

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**Lent** begins March 6<sup>th</sup>. **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be collected. Your contributions will help with disaster assistance, alleviating hunger as well as helping people learn how to help themselves toward a better life. Envelopes for donations will be in the pews and also in the April newsletter. Donations to OGHS offering will be accepted through Easter – April 21, 2019.

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Do you enjoy seeing performances at the Barrow-Civic Theater here in Franklin? Well, if you do and find it a hardship to afford tickets, here is what you can do! Contact Gary Barton at the theater (432-5196) between 10 am and 4 pm most days. He will give you information on volunteering; thus, you get to see all the performances at which you volunteer as a reward!

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The Caring Place Auxiliary is seeking volunteers for the “Sunflower Shoppe” which is the gift shop; it is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Each shift is three (3) hours. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact Marie Leyda (437-3291) or Angela Prather (814-388-9482). Volunteering is a very rewarding experience.

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Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of March

Week of March 3rd

Belle Valley and Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Churches (Erie)
Rev. Dave Edmunds, Temporary Supply Pastor

Marsha MacKinnon
Presbytery Webmaster

Week of March 10th

Tidioute and Irvine Presbyterian Churches
Dennis Ledebur, Commissioned Pastor

Rev. Emmanuel Amey
Stated Clerk, Evangeline Presbyterian Church, Ghana

Week of March 17th

Woodcock Gravel Run Presbyterian Church
Rose Hilliard & Cheryl Larson, Commissioned Pastors

Rev. Seth Agidi, Moderator of General Assembly,
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana

Week of March 24th

Waterford Presbyterian Churches
Rev. Churck Cammarata & Rev. Jim Haas, Temporary Supply Pastors

Rev. Sheldon Logan (Honorably Retired)
Rev. Norma Prina Murphy (Honorably Retired)

Week of March 31st

Church of the Cross Presbyterian Church (Fairview)
Rev. Drew Himes, Pastor

Rev. David Oyler
General Presbyter

Deacons have made arrangements for memorial flowers on Easter Sunday. Payment must accompany orders and must be received by **Sunday, April 7, 2019.** Please complete the form below and send to RGAPC, 321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323, or place in the offering plate. (Additional order forms are available in the narthex.)



Please include your check payable to 'RGAPC - Deacon's Fund'

In memory of _____

Given by _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Tulips are \$7.25 each: TOTAL \$ _____

___ Orange ___ Yellow ___ Pink

___ Red ___ White ___ Purple

Hyacinths are \$7.25 each: TOTAL \$ _____

___ Pink ___ White ___ Blue ___ Mixed

Daffodils are \$7.25 each ___ TOTAL \$ _____

Total Paid \$ _____

Note: The florist will make a concerted effort to fill color choices.

_____ I do not wish to pick up my flower(s) on Easter Sunday and would like it/them to be given to a shut-in.

NOTE OF THANKS

God has provided a brand-new Frigidaire microwave for Moorhead Hall kitchen. Thanks to Joe and Susan Martin for delivering it to us!!!!

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“Biblical Studies” with Rev. Joe “Joey” Martin have been held after worship beginning February 17, 2019. The sessions have been found to be very informative and thought provoking to those who have attended. Check it out for yourself if you have not already. Joe guaranteed a fun time and has held true to his word!

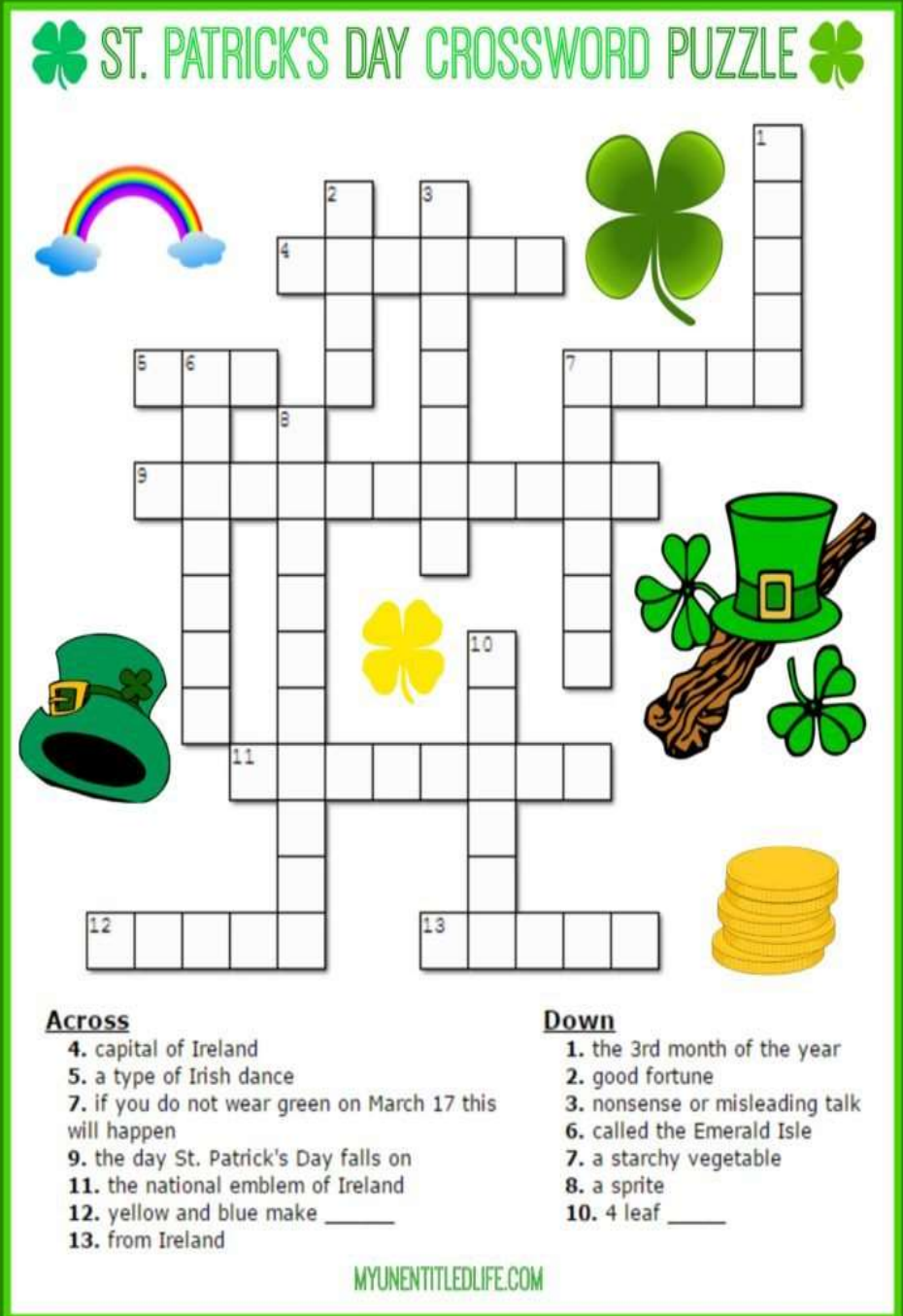
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Venango County Older Adult Services Senior Volunteer Program is looking for volunteers age 55 and older to volunteer in the following areas:

- **Out-of-County drivers** (transport individuals to medical appointments using a county provided vehicle and gas)
- **Ombudsman volunteers** (visit with and advocate for individuals residing in long-term care facilities)
- **APPRISE volunteers** (provide medical counseling after completing free required training)
- **Friendly visitors** (visit with individuals who are home bound)

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Jeff Schneider, SVO Coordinator, at 814-432-9711

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A crossword puzzle titled "ST. PATRICK'S DAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE" with a green border. The puzzle grid is surrounded by various St. Patrick's Day-themed illustrations: a rainbow, a green four-leaf clover, a leprechaun hat, a stack of gold coins, and a yellow four-leaf clover. The puzzle has 13 numbered clues. The clues are: Across: 4. capital of Ireland; 5. a type of Irish dance; 7. if you do not wear green on March 17 this will happen; 9. the day St. Patrick's Day falls on; 11. the national emblem of Ireland; 12. yellow and blue make \_\_\_\_; 13. from Ireland. Down: 1. the 3rd month of the year; 2. good fortune; 3. nonsense or misleading talk; 6. called the Emerald Isle; 7. a starchy vegetable; 8. a sprite; 10. 4 leaf \_\_\_\_.

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| SUNDAY                                                                                                         | MONDAY                                 | TUESDAY                                 | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                 | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                   | SATURDAY                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                |                                        |                                         |                                                                                                                           |           | <b>1</b><br><i>World Day of Prayer</i>                                                                                                   | <b>2</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous                                     |
| <b>3</b><br>9:00 Worship ~<br><i>Communion</i><br>10:00 Biblical Studies<br>5:30 Boy Scouts                    | <b>4</b><br>2:00 CLAW<br>7:00 Trustees | <b>5</b><br>6:30 Sweet<br>Adelines meet | <b>6</b><br>Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i><br>at Dawndi's<br>6:30 Boy Scout Merit<br>Badge Training<br><i>Ash Wednesday</i> | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>9</b><br>8:30 Women's<br>Prayer Breakfast<br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous |
| <b>10</b> <i>Daylight Savings<br/>Time begins</i><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Biblical Studies<br>5:30 Boy Scouts | <b>11</b><br>6:15 Session              | <b>12</b>                               | <b>13</b><br>6:30 Boy Scout<br>Leaders meet                                                                               | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>16</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous                                    |
| <b>17</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Biblical Studies<br>5:30 Boy Scouts                                         | <b>18</b>                              | <b>19</b>                               | <b>20</b><br><b>NEWSLETTER<br/>DEADLINE</b><br>6:30 Boy Scout Merit<br>Badge Training                                     | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>23</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous                                    |
| <b>24</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Biblical Studies                                                            | <b>25</b>                              | <b>26</b>                               | <b>27</b><br>6:30 Missions                                                                                                | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> <i>April</i><br><i>Sonshine Newsletter</i><br>available:<br><a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a> | <b>30</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous                                    |
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